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HOUSE BILL No. 1643

DIGEST OF HB 1643 (Updated February 20, 2003 10:41 AM - DI 77)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Health care for the uninsured. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to cooperate and assist Health Indiana, a nonprofit organization, in providing health care to uninsured residents by: (1) determining eligibility for the program; (2) issuing plan cards to eligible individuals; (3) collecting a registration fee; and (4) operating a toll free telephone number for participants in the program to receive referrals. Requires the office to: (1) determine whether a potential participant is eligible for any other state or federal assistance program; and (2) inform an individual who seeks assistance from the office about federal, state, and privately run programs available to the individual and the method by which the individual may obtain program services.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
February 20, 2003, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the secretary of family
3 and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.

4 (b) The office shall:

5 (1) cooperate with; and

6 (2) assist;

7 the nonprofit organization Health Indiana to implement and
8 administer a program to provide health care to uninsured Indiana
9 residents.

10 (c) The office shall assist Health Indiana with the following:

11 (1) Determining eligibility of potential participants who have
12 an income of not more than one hundred percent (100%) of
13 the federal poverty level for Health Indiana's program.

14 (2) Issuing a plan card that is valid for one (1) year to an
15 individual whom:

16 (A) the office has determined is eligible for the Health
17 Indiana program; and

18 (B) has paid the office a registration fee of ten dollars

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2 **(3) Operating a toll free telephone number that provides**
3 **provider referral services for participants in the Health**
4 **Indiana program.**
5 **(d) The office shall do the following:**
6 **(1) Determine whether a potential participant is eligible for**
7 **any other state or federal assistance program.**
8 **(2) Inform individuals who seek assistance from the office**
9 **about federal, state, and privately run programs available to**
10 **the individual and the method by which the individual may**
11 **obtain program services. Services include private**
12 **pharmaceutical drug discount programs.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1643, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

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"(2) Issuing a plan card that is valid for one (1) year to an individual whom:

(A) the office has determined is eligible for the Health Indiana program; and

(B) has paid the office a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10)."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1643 as introduced.)

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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